

Appleby Archaeology Group

Notes of The Annual General Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group which took place on Tuesday January 9th 2001 at the Appleby Grammar School Intake Centre at 6.30pm.

Present

Committee members

Martin Railton Chairman
Harry Hawkins Vice chairman
David Kay Treasurer
Phyllis Rouston Secretary

Members of the group 12

Apologies for Absence David Uttely

Notes of the last AGM 11/01/2000

The notes had been circulated to all members with the autumn Newsletter. Those present agreed that they were a correct record.

1/2001 Matters arising from the Notes

7/2000 Subscriptions, to be addressed in the Treasurer's Report.

2/2001 Change of Constitution Section 6 Finances B

To facilitate the collection of subscriptions the committee proposed that the statement in the Constitution Finances Section 6 Finances B

"Subscriptions will be levied once a year at the beginning of the month when members initially joined."

be deleted and replaced with

"Subscriptions will be levied once a year in January. New members joining in October, November, or December will not be expected to renew their subscription until the second January after they join."

This amendment was passed.

3/2001 Secretary's Report

The secretary outlined the year's activities. There had been 4 lectures, 5 group led field activities and workshops. After a series of meetings the Landscape Project was launched in September.

The activities of the group have changed since 1999 with more time being spent on preparing for the Landscape Project and less on visits. Two field trips were cancelled because of lack of numbers, the third to Caerlaverlock had been a great success.

4/2001 Treasurer's Report

1. The Financial Report for the year 2000 was tabled. Amendments to clarify expenditure were sought. The Grant (Voluntary Action) was used for training and purchase of survey equipment and the Grant (Local Group Award) was provided for the purchase of the slide projector and table.

With these amendments the report was approved.

2. Annual Subscriptions. The Financial Report indicated the need to raise income. At last year's AGM a member had suggested that the subscription be raised and it was agreed that this was to be discussed at the AGM 2001. Suggestions were put forward and discussed. The meeting agreed that membership subscriptions be raised to £7 for an individual and to £12 for a joint membership. It was also agreed that a voluntary charge be made for coffee. Members were reminded that subscriptions for 2001 were now due.

5/2001 Chairman's Report

The chairman spoke of the development of the group over the last year and its increasing involvement in research. He hoped to plan more workshops to enhance members' research skills. He reported that reluctantly Georgina Plowright had had to resign from the committee, and that Patricia Crompton had resigned temporarily while she completed a degree at Bradford. Two members had joined the committee David Kay as acting treasurer and Harry Hawkins, who has agreed to be nominated for vice chairman. The committee seeks other members including a publicity officer. Members were asked to put their names forward. Members were asked to keep the committee informed of what they wanted from the group and a suggestion list was made available.

6/2001 Election of Officers

The chairman, acting treasurer, secretary and vice chairman elect indicated that they were prepared to take office for the year 2001. Those present, by a show of hands, agreed that they should form the committee.

7/2001 Any Other Business

1. Rotation of committee members, Colin Albion asked if there were any statements in the Constitution regarding the length of time committee members should stand. Martin Railton advised that there were none. It was agreed that the present committee should look at this.
2. Members expressed their appreciation of the Newsletter.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the committee.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7pm.

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